

THE HONORABLE JOHN C. COUGHENOUR

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

SEAN M. HOYT, JR.,

Plaintiff,

v.

AMAZON.COM, INC., *et al.*,

Defendants.

CASE NO. C19-0498-JCC

MINUTE ORDER

The following Minute Order is made by direction of the Court, the Honorable John C. Coughenour, United States District Judge:

This matter comes before the Court on Defendants' motion to compel arbitration (Dkt. No. 48). The motion is DENIED as moot and unripe.

The Court has consolidated this lawsuit into *Rittmann*. (*See* Dkt. No. 57.) In *Rittmann*, the Court denied Defendants' motion to compel arbitration because there was not a valid agreement to arbitrate. *See Rittmann v. Amazon.com, Inc.*, Case No. C16-1554-JCC, Dkt. No. 115 (W.D. Wash. 2016). Plaintiff Hoyt argues, in part, that his specific claims cannot be compelled to arbitration, regardless of whether there was a valid agreement to arbitrate. (*See* Dkt. No. 55.) Whether specific claims can be compelled to arbitration would first require a finding that there was a valid agreement to arbitrate. Therefore, if the Ninth Circuit affirms the Court's order denying arbitration, the parties' arguments are moot; if the Ninth Circuit reverses this

1 Court's order, the parties' arguments about the arbitrability of specific claims are currently
2 unripe. Therefore, Defendants' motion to compel arbitration is DENIED as moot and unripe.

3 DATED this 9th day of July 2019.

4 William M. McCool
5 Clerk of Court

6 s/Tomas Hernandez
7 Deputy Clerk